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FM AMEMBASSY KAMPALA

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INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMCONSUL BUKAVU

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL MONTREAL

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMCONSUL PERTH

C O N F I D E N T I A L KAMPALA 2360

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: USG-GOU RELATIONS; DETENTION OF PCV'S

REF: STATE 136157 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. DUE UNAVAILABILITY ACTING FON MIN ETIANG,
DELIVERED NOTE AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL TO ACTING PERM SEC
JOHN NTIMBA ON JULY 20. HE MADE NO COMMENT ON PROTEST NOR
ON ORAL REMARKS RE REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPROVING USG-GOU
RELATIONS, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT HE WOULD BRIEF ETIANG.

WHEN I RECALLED REMARK TO GENERAL AMIN AT HIS JULY 12
RECEPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS (KAMPALA 2283), HE SAID THAT
HE TOO HOPED WE COULD NOW START WITH A "FRESH SLATE",
REMARKS MADE BY A CHIEF OF STATE HAD TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY
(E.G., THAT HE IS NO LONGER AGAINST US), AND FOREIGN MINISTRY
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WOULD WORK WITH EMBASSY TO SEE TO IT THAT GENERAL'S WISHES

ARE TRANSLATED INTO BETTER RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. CALLED ON NTIMBA AT 2:15 JULY 20 AS SCHEDULED. TOOK WITH ME BURROWS AND SCHREIBER TO INTRODUCE THEM AS PERSONS WHO WOULD BE DEALING WITH FON MIN DURING MY ABSENCE. GAVE HIM NOTE ON PCV INCIDENT TO READ, FOLLOWING WHICH HE STATED THAT AIDE MEMOIRE ALONG SIMILAR LINES HAD BEEN GIVEN TO UGANDAN CHARGE IN WASHINGTON. I THEN MADE ORAL REMARKS PER REFTTEL. NTIMBA'S ONLY REACTION WAS THAT HE WOULD BRIEF ETIANG.

2. THEN ADVISED HIM THAT WE HAD CHECKED LIST OF 15 MINOR RELIGIOUS SECTS PUBLISHED IN UGANDA NEWS (KAMPALA 2279) AGAINST AFFILIATIONS OF OUR MISSIONARIES REGISTERED WITH EMBASSY AND HAD FOUND THAT NO AMERICAN IN UGANDA IS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THESE SECTS. ALL OUR MISSIONARIES ARE EITHER ROMAN CATHOLICS OR ARE WITH ONE OF THREE REMAINING PROTESTANT GROUPS: AFRICA INLAND MISSION, CONSERVATIVE BAPTISTS AND SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS. NTIMBA MADE NOTE OF THIS.

3. ALSO ADVISED NTIMBA OF POSSIBILITY THAT MRS. HARRY ENGEL WOULD VISIT OTTAWA DURING COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE WITH INTENTION OF DISCUSSING WITH PRESIDENT OR OTHER GOU OFFICIALS SETTLEMENT OF ITS RPT ITS NATIONALIZATION. NOTED THAT AMB. IBINGIRA HAD BEEN ADVISED DIRECT AND WAS PRESUMABLY WORKING ON MATTER.

4. FOLLOWING UP SUGGESTION BY EMBASSY NAIROBI, I SAID GOU SHOULD CONSIDER ISSUING A NOTAM AMENDING AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS TO COVER GOU'S WISH TO BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE OF INTENDED ARRIVAL OF LARGE GROUPS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. NTIMBA SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH CIVIL AVIATION AND AIR FORCE AUTHORITIES.

5. FINALLY, I RECALLED AMIN'S REMARK AT JULY 12 RECEPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN WHICH HE SAID AS FROM THAT DAY HE WAS NO LONGER AGAINST ANY COUNTRY, INCLUDING BRITAIN AND AMERICA. TOLD NTIMBA THAT AT END RECEPTION I HAD THANKED PREISDENT FOR HIS REMARKS AND HAD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS COULD MEAN TURNING OVER A LEAF OR STARTING A NEW PAGE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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6. NTIMBA RESPONDED THAT HE TOO HOPED THIS COULD RESULT IN A "FRESH SLATE" IN OUR RELATIONS. SUCH STATEMENT BY A CHIEF OF STATE HAD TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, NTIMBA SAID. HE AND OTHERS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD CERTAINLY WORK WITH EMBASSY TO SEE THAT PRESIDENT'S WISHES IN THIS REGARD ARE CARRIED TO FRUITION. AT END HE WISHED ME A PLEASANT VACATION. KEELEY

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